

The day is dark and gloomy, and the low clouds, which are hanging over the river, are very disagreeable for soldiers who are furnished with shoes to perform their duties as guards and pickets. Still, they have the consolation of knowing that it will be pleasant to them now, it will be more agreeable by and by, when the river rises sufficiently for the gunboats to assist them in the reduction of rebel forts and strongholds.

We learn from the papers that Jeff. Davis claims a rebel victory at Murfreesboro, but we "can't see it in that light."—If we were to believe the report, it would be a great victory for the rebels, and it would be a great loss for the Union. But we know that the rebels are not in a position to make such a claim. They are not in a position to make such a claim. They are not in a position to make such a claim.

Now these articles of the *Joliet Republican*, and similar articles which may be found in nearly all the Republican journals, while they are false in every particular, are calculated to do much mischief. The announcements in regard to the prevalence of secessionism at the North, by encouraging the people of the South, will have the effect of prolonging the war. It is thus that the Republicans by falsely charging disloyalty upon Democrats, are feeding the flames of civil war and postponing an honorable peace.

But while there are in reality no real secessionists in the North, worth mentioning, it cannot be denied that there is a large party whose number is rapidly increasing, who believe that the war, as presently conducted, will never bring us peace and reunion—that the war is not wisely conducted—and that the Administration is not equal to the task of conducting it so as to bring about a just and honorable peace.

We have no doubt but that a very large majority of the people of this State, at least, while they do not approve of or sympathize with secession, are nevertheless determined that the Administration must return to a full and practical recognition of the freedom, dignity, power, and rights of the several States, and the citizens thereof, so far as guaranteed by the constitution as interpreted by the highest judicial tribunal of the land and understood by a vast majority of our Statesmen and people through the whole past history of our Government, before it can receive further aid from them in carrying on the war. And it will be well for the Administration to take this fact into consideration before it launches out into other ultra Abolition schemes, or further tramples upon the provisions of the constitution.

We are aware that there are secessionists among us—men who would be glad to see a division of the Union, but they are not in the ranks of the party. They are not in the ranks of the party. They are not in the ranks of the party.

The army of the Cumberland will probably remain inactive till communication with Louisville is fully established, so the supplies can be forwarded to the army in sufficient quantity to warrant a forward march.

Several regiments were captured to-day outside our picket lines. They had been wounded in the late battle, and had taken up their quarters in houses on the line of the front.

Yesterday morning the 22d Indiana passed unanimous resolutions, urging the Indiana Legislature not to hesitate in assisting the General Government to put down rebellion.

Chicago papers are very scarce in this region. I have not seen one for a month. The victory at Arkansas Post created considerable enthusiasm in our camp, and everybody was anxiously awaiting the result of the operations on the Mississippi and Rapahannock.

"Occasional."

FROM BEFORE VICKSBURG.

Our Army Encamped Opposite the City.